HOUSE No. 888

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr. Susan Williams Gifford Mary S. Rogeness Robert S. Hargraves George N. Peterson, Jr. Karyn E. Polito John A. Lepper Paul J.P. Loscocco Viriato Manuel deMacedo **Shirley Gomes** Elizabeth A. Poirier Michael J. Coppola Donald F. Humason, Jr. Todd M. Smola Richard J. Ross Susan W. Pope **Bradford Hill**

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPANDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE CRIME OF INCEST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 inserting after the word "consanguinity", in line 1, the following
- 4 words:—, affinity or adoption.
- 1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its 2 passage.